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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **EVIDENCE RULES YOU NEED TO KNOW AND LOVE**

**May 11, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex**

**6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library**

**25 Market Street**

**Trenton, New Jersey**

### **PLEASE READ: NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS**

All materials for New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute continuing legal education courses are now available electronically through the Advocacy Institute website: [www.njadvocacyinstitute.com](http://www.njadvocacyinstitute.com). Materials will be posted to the website approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to the course date.

The institute will no longer provide paper copies of course materials. This policy is effective immediately and is within the guidelines of the New Jersey Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Please follow the procedure below to obtain course materials:

- Click on the Course Information tab.
- Select Course Materials from the drop-down menu.
- Click on the course that you are registered for. Courses are listed alphabetically by title.
- Most courses will have two files; a file containing class materials that you should bring to the session and a file with reference materials such as statutes, regulations and cases.
- Print the documents in the class materials file and bring them with you to the session.
- You have the option of printing the documents in the reference materials file or downloading them to a computer or mobile device.

### ***Program Summary***

Trial work requires knowledge of the New Jersey Rules of Evidence, the application of the rules and interplay with the Rules of Court. This presentation will help you enhance your trial skills with the evidence rules you need to know for your next civil trial.

### ***Who Should Attend?***

This presentation is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

## *Who Is the Faculty?*

**AAG Kevin Jespersen** is Chief Counsel to the Attorney General. AAG Jespersen has extensive litigation experience and has devoted most of his career to handling civil litigation matters. He is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney and has held that designation since 1997. AAG Jespersen has handled hundreds of cases throughout his career, and has tried to verdict more than 40 cases, including matters before the State and federal courts in New Jersey and New Jersey administrative agencies. He has argued more than 40 appeals, including matters in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court, the New Jersey Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

AAG Jespersen joined the Attorney General's Office in 2004 as a Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Division of Law's Professional Boards Prosecution Section, and became the Assistant Section Chief in 2006. From 2009 through 2012 he served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Litigation Practice Group and in November 2012 became the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group. He was named Deputy Director of the Division of Law in September 2014, where he served until his appointment as Chief Counsel to the Attorney General. AAG Jespersen has served for many years as an instructor in the Trial Advocacy Program of the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. Among other achievements, he received the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 2008 for acting as the State's lead trial counsel for the remand evidentiary hearing in the landmark Abbott v. Burke litigation.

From 1984 through 2003, Jespersen practiced law in the private sector where he focused on complex civil litigation. Jespersen is a graduate of Rutgers University and the New York University School of Law. He is admitted to the bars of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, and the U.S. District Court of New Jersey.

**DAG Noreen Kemether** is currently the Section Chief of the Employment Litigation Section of the Division of Law. She is a 1983 graduate of Villanova University, received an MBA from Drexel University in 1986 and her JD from Widener University School of Law in 1991. Prior to joining the Division of Law, Noreen was in private practice for fifteen years specializing in medical malpractice defense litigation. She has extensive civil trial experience, trying over sixty jury trials. Noreen has been a high school and college basketball official for 33 years and played basketball with a full scholarship in college.

### *CLE Credit*

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

## **How Do I Register?**

## State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

## Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: [AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us](mailto:AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us) for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. **Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.**

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

**If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one.** You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.